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Our ref: GSA 1031/23  
Please quote our reference  
number when responding

Monday, 20 March 2023

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1031/23**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/02/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Total number of crimes, broke down month-by-month, where the term 'deepfake porn'/'deepfake pornography'/'deepfake' together with 'porn'/'private'/'sexual' appears as a keyword when searched, from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2023*
- 2. Total number of incident reports, broke down month-by-month, where the term 'deepfake porn'/'deepfake pornography'/'deepfake' together with 'porn'/'private'/'sexual' appears as a keyword when searched, from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2023*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

**Caveats**

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This search was conducted for the records with a created date between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 where keyword search contains 'DEEP', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:
  - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- A manual review was conducted on the result from a) to determine which records are relevant to this request.

## **Response**

Question 1 - Crime – NIL result

Question 2 - Incident – 1 record

The month/year data for the incident record has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for that particular piece of information.

## **Complaints Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please email [FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk) quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to email the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to contact you to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Information Compliance & Records Management Unit Manager  
Information Compliance & Records Management Unit  
Information Services Branch  
Greater Manchester Police  
Openshaw Complex  
Lawton Street  
Manchester  
M11 2NS

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Phone: 01625 545 700